Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—The Taluk Board has taken into consideration all the suggestions made by the hon. Member and it has appointed the senior man in the taluk.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—My point is, why did you not take into consideration the districtwise seniority list and appoint the most merited person ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—It is not Government that does it. It is the Taluk Board that has done it. Naturally the Taluk Board cannot take the seniority of the whole district into consideration because its jurisdiction is limited to the area of the taluk and accordingly it has taken into consideration the seniority list of teachers in the taluk.

Agreement for the Supply of Steel Sections between Mysore Iron and Steel Limited and M/s. Steel Enterprises, Madras.

20. Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY (Chicknaikanahalli).—

Will the Minister for Industries, Information and Publicity be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Mysore Iron and Steel Limited had any agreement with M/s. Steel Enterprises, (Private), Limited, Madras, for the supply of Steel section and if so, for how much ;

(*b*) the terms of delivery ;

(*c*) the total quantity of steel sections supplied so far ;

(*d*) whether there was any concession given in the prevailing prices; if so, by how much ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA (Deputy Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) Only an Order Acceptance Memo was issued on 15th January 1969 to M/s. Steel Enterprises in reply to their indent for supply of a quantity of 20,288 m. tonnes of M.S.Sections. The acceptance was subject to the usual terms and conditions *viz.*, that the fulfilment of the order was subject to productions and availability of the material. One of the conditions was that Mysore Iron and Steel Limited, had reserved the right to revoke or cancel the order without notice.

(*b*) The terms of delivery were that the materials should be despatched in accordance with instructions to be received from time to time from the Purchaser.

(*c*) 5,373.60 tonnes.

(*d*) The concessions given were as follows :

(A) The prices were f.o.r. destination instead of f. o. r. Bhadravati.

(B) A quantity rebate of 3 per cent on offtakes of 50 tonnes or more by the same party within a period of two months, and of 5 per cent in respect of offtakes of 250 tonnes or more. This was a general concession admissible to all purchasers.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—What are the specil reasons to show concession to this particular firm? Why was this concession denied to others and what is the amount involved for supply of 5,373.60 tonnes of steel sections?

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Sri A. P. APPANNA.—This concession was introduced because of the fact that there was recession during that period in various industries and the offtake of Bhadravati Steel was less. This concessson was given to all the purchasers from the M.I.S.L.

Sri C. K. RAJAIAH SHETTY.—In thc answer it is stated that this concession was given only to this firm. What is the amount involved for supplying this 5373.60 tonnes?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—From the answer (*b*) it can be seen that this was a general concession admissible to all purchasers. So, it is not that this concession waa given to a particular firm?

Sri ABDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR.—What is the share of the Ministry in giving this concession?

Sri A. P. APPANNA—I have already said that this was a general concession admissible to all the purchasers.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಪಿ. ಗಂಗಾಧರ್.—ಕನ್‌ಸೆಷನ್ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಈ ಕನ್‌ಸೆಷ್ಷನ್‌ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಎಂದು ಈ ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡಿದಿರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಈ ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಈಗಲೂ ಕನ್‌ಟಿನ್ಯೂ ಆಗುತ್ತಾ ಇದೆಯೇ?

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—This order was passed on 1st January 1969 and the decision to give concession of F.O.R. destination and also the the percentage of rebate was decided at the meeting of Board of Directors.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಏನಾಯಿತಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದರೆ, ಯಾರು ಯಾರು ಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದರು ಮತ್ತು ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಪ್ಲೈ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೀರಿ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು.

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—That informationis not before me. I have information only with respect to this firm.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—In that case I propose that this question may be held over so that the relevant material can be got and given to us, *i.e.*, whether others got the concession. Our information is that this firm is the favourite child of the Government, getting this benefit. The Hon. Minister says there are other firms also getting the concession.

Sri A. P. APPANNA.—I have information only with respect to this firm. With respcet to sales, and concession given to other firms I have no information.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall hold over the question.

Visit of Chief Minister to Japan and other Countries

31. Sri H. N. NANJE GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total expenditure incurred by the Government for the tour undertaken by the Chief Minister to Japan recently;

(*b*) the persons that accompanied him during the tour ; the total expenditure incurred by Government on them ;

(*c*) the purpose of this tour ; whether the purpose has been achieved by the Chief Minister ;

(*d*) whether the Chief Minister had talks, with industrialists and other Government personnel, in the countries visited by him and the subject matter of the talks ;

(*e*) whether the Chief Minister had special talks regarding opening of a small car factory and the possibilities of Mysore exporting iron ore and ingots to Japan ; if so, the outcome of his talks with them ;

(*f*) whether the Chief Minister had obtained the consent of Government of India before he proceeded on tour to deal in these matters with other countries ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Detailed information is yet to be collected from the Indian Embassies abroad. The Accountant General has been asked to obtain this information. Rs. 10,580 was drawn by the Chief Minister as an advance.

(*b*) Sri T. Shamanna, Chairman, Mysore State Industrial Investment and Development Corporation and REMCO, was the only person who accompanied the Chief Minister.

No expenditure was incurred from Government account on him.

(*c*) Official. Yes.

(*d*) Yes. Formal discussions.

(*e*) No talks were held by the Chief Minister about the Small Car Project. Detailed discussions were held about the export of iron ore to Japan.

The talks were encouraging.